



SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL DIRIDON STATION PROJECT

SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

The Council of the City of San José convened in Special Session at 1:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Present: Councilmembers - Arenas, Carrasco (1:41), Davis, Diep (1:41), Jimenez (1:44), Jones, T. Nguyen, Peralez, Rocha (1:39); Liccardo.

Absent: Councilmembers - Khamis. (Excused)

Staff: City Attorney Richard Doyle, City Manager Norberto Dueñas; Director of Transportation Jim Ortbal; Deputy City Manager/Director of Economic Development Kim Walesh; Economic Development Assistant Director, Nanci Klein; City Clerk Toni J. Taber, CMC; and Deputy City Clerk, Ruth Krantz.

Documents Filed: (1) Joint memorandum from Deputy City Manager/Director of Economic Development Kim Walesh and Director of Transportation Jim Ortbal, dated March 23, 2017, outlining the purpose of the Diridon Station Plan and Regional Rail Projects Study Session. (2) Letter from Teresa Alvarado, San José Director, SPUR, urging Council to direct staff to work with their partners towards a governance structure aligning San José with rewards of major investments in transportation structure. (3) PowerPoint presentation “Diridon Station & Area Plan Regional Rail Projects”, dated March 30, 2017.

Access the video, the agenda and related reports for this meeting by visiting the City's website at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/city> or <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/civiccenrtv>. For information on any ordinance that is not hyperlinked to this document, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (408) 535-1266.

INTRODUCTION

Deputy City Manager/Director of Economic Development Kim Walesh offered opening comments, adding this project represents the largest public infrastructure investment in the history of San José, more than \$10 billion investment within our city limits. She introduced VTA General Manager/CEO Nuria Fernandez, who offered a regional perspective.

Director of Transportation Jim Ortbal provided an overview of the agenda and Deputy City Manager/Director of Economic Development Kim Walesh introduced the interagency partnership that has worked diligently to create both a shared vision and a coordinated workplan and will share the draft version of the San José Diridon Station.

DIRIDON FACILITY PLANNING & INTERAGENCY PARTNERSHIP TEAM (VTA, High Speed Rail Authority, CalTrain)

Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Planning and Programming Manager, Leyla Hedayat presented on the Diridon Valley Master Plan. Economic Development Assistant Director, Nanci Klein continued the presentation.

Deputy City Manager/Director of Economic Development Kim Walesh opened the floor to questions from Council. Economic Development Assistant Director, Nanci Klein responded to questions.

BART TO SILICON VALLEY (VTA)

VTA Chief Program Officer Carolyn M. Gonot provided the next section of the presentation, discussing the next two phases of the BART extension and project scheduling.

CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT

California High-Speed Rail Authority CEO Jeff Morales provided an overview of the project, and California High Speed Rail Authority Regional Director, Ben Tripousis, continued with regional specifics.

CALTRAIN PROJECT

Caltrain Chief Operating Officer Michelle Bouchard discussed the focus on the electrification program, and Director of Government Affairs, Casey Fromson continued with what the system looks today and offered a recap of the electrification project.

Director of Transportation Jim Ortbal provided remarks and opened the floor for questions from Council. Council discussion followed, and staff responded to questions.

Mayor Sam Liccardo opened the floor for public testimony.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Offering comments, concerns and suggestions, were: Laura Tolkoff (SPUR); Roland Lebrun; Harvey Darnell, Greater Gardner Coalition; Scott Knies (SJDA); Adva Levu, Friends of CalTrain; John Urban and Greg Peck.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council of the City of San José adjourned the Special Session at 5:06 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,



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